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The Gifts of Christ: We have victory over sin.

Rom. 6:22-23 *But now you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)*

We have been set free. This is a picture of someone who was once in bondage. We were slaves to our own sinful nature. But we have now become slaves of God. He is now our Master, and we must follow Him instead of our own sinful nature.

This brings us to the position of victory instead of defeat. We have victory over the sin that so easily entangled us. **Heb. 12:1-3** *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (NIV)*

We are no longer slaves to sin. We have the power of the Holy Spirit residing with us and He will help us to turn away from sin if we will rely on Him. **Rom. 6:11** *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (NIV)* That is why Paul stated in **Gal. 2:20** *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. (NIV)*

We have been set free from the bondage of sin and its penalty because of the gift of God: eternal life in Christ Jesus our LORD! Oh, victory in Jesus!

Dear LORD, Thank You LORD for the victory of the cross over sin. We can now choose to live in Christ and say no to our sinful desires. Help us by Your Spirit to choose You in every situation. In Jesus Name, Amen